

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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TRANSQUAY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, :

Plaintiff,

- against -

07 CV 11130 (CM)
ECF CASE

GLOBAL MARITIME NAVIGATION LTD.,
a.k.a. GLOBAL MARITIME NAVIGATION OOD,
a.k.a. GLOBAL MERITAYM NEVIGEYSHAN,
a.k.a. NOVAIDEYA-2004, KREMIKOV TZI
A.D. a.k.a. KREMIKOV TZI CORP. a.k.a.
KREMIKOV TSI, KREMIKOV TZI TRADE
E.O.O.D. a.k.a. KREMIKOV TZI TRADE LTD.
a.k.a. KREMIKOV TSI TREYD, FINMETALS
HOLDING A.D. a.k.a. FINMETALS HOLDING
EAD a.k.a. DARU METALS LTD.,
GSHL BULGARIA S.A., GLOBAL STEEL
HOLDINGS LTD., a.k.a. GLOBAL STEEL
a.k.a. GSHL, STEEL SHIPPING AND
FORWARDING PLC a.k.a. STIL SHIPING END
FORUARDING a.k.a. SSF, and STEMCOR
(UK) LIMITED a.k.a. STEMCOR UK LIMITED,

Defendants.

**AFFIDAVIT OF THOMAS L. TISDALE
IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO
MOTION TO VACATE MARITIME ATTACHMENT**

State of Connecticut)
) ss: Town of Southport
County of Fairfield)

THOMAS L. TISDALE, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am a member of the Bar of this Court and represent the Plaintiff herein. I am familiar with the facts of this case and make this Affidavit in support of Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendant Stemcor's motion to vacate maritime attachment.

2. Pursuant to a fixture recap dated August 17, 2007 based on the terms of an amended Americanized Welsh Coal Charter with Riders dated August 16, 2007, the Plaintiff chartered the “MV ZETLAND” (the “Vessel”) to Global Maritime Navigation Ltd. (“GMN”) for the carriage of a cargo of iron ore from Brazil to Bulgaria.

3. Pursuant to the terms of the fixture recap and a guarantee letter dated August 21, 2007, Kremikovtzi Corp. (“K.C.”) was the guarantor of GMN’s performance under the charter party.

4. Certain disputes arose between the parties regarding GMN and K.C.’s failure to pay demurrage due and owing to Plaintiff under the charter party.

5. Despite due demand, GMN and K.C. have failed to pay the demurrage due and owing to plaintiff in breach of the charter party.

6. Pursuant to the charter party, disputes arising thereunder with claims exceeding \$100,000 are to be submitted to the High Court of Justice in England and Wales with English law to apply.

7. Plaintiff has commenced court proceedings in accordance with the charter party.

8. In order to obtain personal jurisdiction over the Defendants and to obtain security for its maritime claims, Plaintiff commenced this action on December 10, 2007, by the filing of a Verified Complaint which included a prayer for an Ex-Parte Order for Process of Maritime Attachment pursuant to Rule B [of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims] naming Global Maritime Navigation Ltd. and Kremikovtzi A.D. a.k.a. Kremikovtzi Corp. a.k.a. Kremkovtsi.

9. On the same day, the Court issued an Ex-Parte Order of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment. The Ex-Parte Order authorized Plaintiff to attach Defendants' property located within this judicial district and belonging the Defendants up to the sum of \$965,188.63.

10. On January 23, 2008, a Verified Amended Complaint which included a prayer for an Amended Ex-Parte Order for Process of Maritime Attachment pursuant to Rule B was filed and named several additional alter ego defendants including but not limited to Stemcor UK Limited.

11. The Ex-Parte Order and Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment ("PMAG") named garnishee banks believed to have assets due and owing to the Defendants. The Ex-Parte Order and PMAG were served upon the garnishee banks.

12. On or about January 29, 2008, \$777,688.63 of property belonging to Stemcor UK Limited was attached at garnishee Bank of New York.

13. On or about January 29, 2008, \$187,500.00 of property belonging to Stemcor UK Limited was attached a garnishee Deutsche Bank.

14. Plaintiff is currently restraining a total sum of \$965,188.63 in property belonging to the defendant.

15. As required by Local Rule B.2, plaintiff provided the defendant, Stemcor UK Limited, with prompt notice of the attachment of its assets.

16. On February 1, 2008, a Verified Second Amended Complaint was filed which included a prayer for an Amended Ex-Parte Order for Process of Maritime Attachment pursuant to Rule B.

17. Shortly thereafter, this Court issued an Amended Ex-Parte Order of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment. The Amended Ex-Parte Order authorized Plaintiff to attach

Defendants' property located within this judicial district and belonging the Defendants up to the sum of \$965,188.63.

18. Plaintiff duly served the garnishee banks including but not limited to Deutsche Bank and Bank of New York with the Amended Ex Parte Order based upon the Verified Second Amended Complaint.

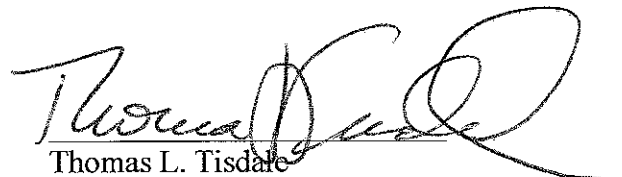
19. The Verified Second Amended Complaint added no additional parties but included considerable additional allegations with supporting evidence of the alleged alter ego relationship between GMN, Kremikovtzi and Stemcor.

20. As Plaintiff's claims are currently fully secured, the Amended Ex Parte Order and accompanying process of maritime attachment are not currently being served on the garnishee banks.

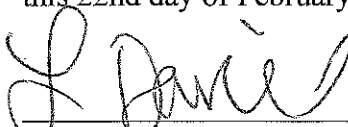
21. As is demonstrated in the Verified Second Amended Complaint, at all material times Defendant Stemcor was the alter-ego of defendants GMN and Kremikovtzi. *See Verified Second Amended Complaint annexed hereto as Exhibit "1."*

22. Various news sources including CNNMoney.com have stated recently that Kremikovtzi is under-capitalized and has failed to meet many of its investment pledges. *See Exhibit "2" for current news articles.*

Dated: February 22, 2008
Southport, CT


Thomas L. Tisdale

Sworn and subscribed to before me
this 22nd day of February, 2008

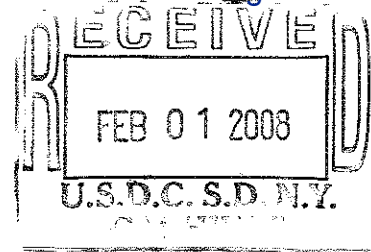

Commissioner of the Superior Court

AFFIRMATION OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on February 22, 2008 a copy of the foregoing AFFIDAVIT OF THOMAS L. TISDALE IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT STEMCOR'S MOTION TO VACATE MARITIME ATTACHMENT was filed electronically and served by mail on anyone unable to accept electronic filing. Notice of this filing will be sent by e-mail to all parties by operation of the Court's electronic filing system or by mail to anyone unable to accept electronic filing. Parties may access this filing through the Court's CM/ECF system.

By: _____ /s/_____
Thomas L. Tisdale

EXHIBIT 1



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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Plaintiff,

- against -

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VERIFIED SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, TRANSQUAY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ("Plaintiff"), by and through its attorneys, Tisdale Law Offices LLC, as and for its Verified Second Amended Complaint against the Defendants, GLOBAL MARITIME NAVIGATION LTD. a.k.a. GLOBAL MARITIME NAVIGATION OOD a.k.a. GLOBAL MERITAYM NEVIGEYSHAN a.k.a. NOVAIDEYA-2004 ("GMN"), KREMIKOV TZI A.D. a.k.a. KREMIKOV TZI CORP. a.k.a. KREMIKOV TSI ("K.C."), KREMIKOV TZI TRADE E.O.O.D. a.k.a. KREMIKOV TZI TRADE LTD. a.k.a. KREMIKOV TSI TREYD ("K.T."), FINMETALS HOLDING A.D. a.k.a. FINMETALS HOLDING EAD a.k.a. DARU METALS LTD. ("Finmetals"), GSHL BULGARIA S.A. ("GSHL

BULGARIA”), GLOBAL STEEL HOLDINGS LTD., a.k.a. GLOBAL STEEL a.k.a. GSHL (“GSHL”), STEEL SHIPPING AND FORWARDING PLC a.k.a. STIL SHIPING END FORUARDING a.k.a. SSF (“SSF”) and STEMCOR (UK) LIMITED a.k.a. STEMCOR UK LIMITED (“STEMCOR”)(collectively referred to as the “Defendants”), alleges, upon information and belief, as follows:

1. This is an admiralty and maritime claim within the meaning of Rule 9(h) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and 28 United States Code § 1333.

2. At all material times to this action, Plaintiff was a foreign company duly organized and operating under the laws of Liberia and was at all material times the disponent owner of the M/V ZETLAND (the “Vessel”).

3. Upon information and belief and at all material times, Defendant GMN was a foreign corporation or other business entity organized and existing under foreign law with an office and place of business in Sofia, Bulgaria, and was the Charterer of the Vessel.

4. Upon information and belief, Defendant Global Maritime Navigation Ltd. is also known as Global Maritime Navigation OOD and Global Meritaym Nevigeyshan. Upon information and belief, Defendant Global Maritime Navigation was formerly known as “Novaideya-2004.”

5. Upon information and belief and at all material times, Defendant K.C. was a foreign corporation or other business entity organized and existing under foreign law with an office and place of business in Sofia, Bulgaria, and was the guarantor of GMN’s performance under the charter party.

6. Upon information and belief, Defendant Kremikovtzi Corp (“K.C.”) is also known as Kremikovtzi Corp. and Kremikovtsi.

7. Upon information and belief and at all material times, Defendant K.T. was, and still is, a foreign corporation or other business entity, organized under, and existing by virtue of foreign law with a principal place of business at the following address: 19/B Tsar Boris, Iii Boulevard, Sofia, Bulgaria.

8. Upon information and belief Defendant Kremikovtzi Trade Ltd. ("K.T.") is also known as Kremkovtsi Treyd and Kremikovtzi Trade E.O.O.D.

9. Upon information and belief, Defendant Finmetals was, and still is, a foreign corporation, or other business entity, organized under, and existing by virtue of foreign law with a principal place of business at the following address: 19/B Tsar Boris Iii Boulevard, Sofia, Bulgaria.

10. Upon information and belief, Defendant Finmetals Holding EAD is also known as Finmetals Holding A.D. and Daru Metals Ltd.

11. Upon information and belief, Defendant GSHL was, and still is, a foreign corporation, or other business entity, organized under, and existing by virtue of foreign law with a principal place of business in Bulgaria.

12. Upon information and belief, Defendant GSHL is also known as Global Steel Holdings Limited.

13. Upon information and belief, Defendant GSHL BULGARIA was, and still is, a foreign corporation, or other business entity, organized under, and existing by virtue of foreign law.

14. Upon information and belief, Defendant SSF was, and still is, a foreign corporation, or other business entity, organized under, and existing by virtue of foreign law with

a principal place of business in Bulgaria at the following address: 19/B Tzar Boris III Blvd, 1612, Sofia Bulgaria.

15. Upon information and belief, Defendant Steel Shipping and Forwarding PLC is also known as Stil Shipping and Forwarding and SSF.

16. Upon information and belief, Defendant Stemcor was, and still is, a foreign corporation, or other business entity, organized under, and existing by virtue of foreign law with a known address of: Stemcor UK Limited, Level 27 City Point, One Ropemaker Street, London, GB.

17. Upon information and belief, Defendant Stemcor (UK) Limited is also known as Stemcor UK Limited.

18. Pursuant to a fixture recap dated August 17, 2007 based on the terms of an amended Americanized Welsh Coal Charter with Riders dated August 16, 2007 (the "charter party"), the Plaintiff chartered the Vessel to GMN for the carriage of a cargo of iron ore from Brazil to Bulgaria.

19. Pursuant to the terms of the fixture recap and a guarantee letter dated August 21, 2007, K.C. was the guarantor of the Charterers' performance under the charter party.

20. Certain disputes arose between the parties regarding GMN and K.C.'s failure to pay demurrage due and owing to the Plaintiff under the charter party.

21. Despite due demand, GMN and K.C. have failed to pay the demurrage due and owing to the plaintiff in breach of the charter party.

22. Pursuant to the charter party, disputes arising thereunder with claims exceeding \$100,000 are to be submitted to the High Court of Justice in England and Wales with English law to apply.

23. Plaintiff has commenced court proceedings in accordance with the charter party.

24. As a result of the Defendants' breaches of the charter party, the Plaintiff has suffered damages in the total principal amount of **\$630,499.99** exclusive of interest, court costs and attorneys fees.

25. Interest, costs and attorneys' fees are routinely awarded to the prevailing party pursuant to English Law. As best as can now be estimated, Plaintiff expects to recover the following:

A.	Principal claim:	\$630,499.99
B.	Estimated interest on claims: 3 years at 6.5%, compounded quarterly	\$134,688.64
C.	Estimated attorneys' fees and court costs:	\$200,000.00
Total		\$965,188.63

DEFENDANTS' RELATIONS

1. GMN and K.C.

26. Upon information and belief, Defendant K.C. is the guarantor of GMN's performance under the charter party and GMN is the alter ego of Defendant K.C. because K.C. dominates and disregards GMN's corporate form to the extent that K.C. is actually carrying on the business and operations of GMN as if the same were its own.

27. Upon information and belief, Defendant GMN is a shell-corporation through which Defendant K.C. conducts its business.

28. Upon information and belief, Defendant GMN is 100% owned by K.C.

29. Upon information and belief, GMN and K.C. share common employees including Mr. Lazar Slanchev and/or use their names interchangeably in the industry. Mr. Slanchev signed a letter of indemnity dated September 26, 2007 on behalf of Global Maritime Navigation Ltd. as

“managing director” of that company. However, his email address is

lazar.slanchev@kremikovtzi.com.

30. Upon information and belief, GMN and K.C. share a registered office. GMN’s registered office is KV Botunets, Administrativna Sgrada na Kremikovtzi, 1870 Sofia. K.C. has a registered office at KV Botunets, 1870, Sofia, Bulgaria or J.K. Botunets, 1870, Sofia, Bulgaria.

31. Upon information and belief, Defendant GMN is an alias, or agent of Defendant K.C. and/or K.C. is an alias, or agent of GMN.

32. Upon information and belief, GMN has no separate, independent identity from Defendant K.C.

33. In the further alternative, Defendants GMN and K.C. are partners and/or are joint venturers.

34. In the further alternative, Defendants GMN and K.C. are affiliated companies such that Defendant K.C. is now, or will soon be, holding assets belonging to Defendant GMN and vice versa.

II. K.T. and K.C.

35. Upon information and belief, K.T. is the alter ego of K.C. because it dominates and disregards K.C.’s corporate form to the extent that K.T. is actually carrying on K.C.’s business and operations as if the same were its own.

36. Upon information and belief, Defendant K.T. is an alias, or agent of Defendant K.C. and/or K.C. is an alias, or agent of K.T.

37. Upon information and belief, Defendants K.T. and K.C. share common ownership and operation such that K.T. is 100% owned by K.C. and, as such, K.T. is a wholly owned subsidiary of K.C.

38. Upon information and belief, the June 30, 2007 "Review Report and Interim Consolidated Financial Statements" of K.C. (the "June 30 Report") states on page 7 that a subsidiary of K.C. is "an enterprise that is controlled by the parent company. Control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an enterprise so as to obtain benefits from its activities."

39. Upon information and belief, K.T. has no separate, independent identity from Defendant K.C.

40. In the alternative, Defendant K.T. is merely a shell-corporation through which K.C. conducts its business.

41. In the further alternative, Defendants K.T. and K.C. are partners and/or are joint venturers.

42. In the further alternative, Defendants K.T. and K.C. are affiliated companies such that Defendant K.C. is now, or will soon be, holding assets belonging to Defendant K.T. and vice versa.

III. GSHL and K.C.

43. Upon information and belief, GSHL is the alter ego of K.C. because it dominates and disregards K.C.'s corporate form to the extent that GSHL is actually carrying on K.C.'s business and operations as if the same were its own.

44. Upon information and belief, Defendant GSHL is an alias, or agent of Defendant K.C. and/or K.C. is an alias, or agent of GSHL.

45. Upon information and belief, Defendants GSHL and K.C. share common ownership and operation such that K.C. is 100% owned by GSHL.

46. Upon information and belief, and as reported by the Sofia Echo on Sunday March 27, 2005, GSHL acquired 100% of the shares of Finmetals Holding, a 71% shareholder of K.C., in 2005.

47. Upon information and belief, GSHL has no separate, independent identity from Defendant K.C.

- a. GSHL and K.C. share eight (8) directors in common including: Mohan Lai Mittal, Ashok Kumar Agarwal, Pramod Mittal, Subhash Maheshwari and Vilas Jamnis.
- b. K.C.'s new Chief Executive Officer is Vilas Jamnis, a director at GSHL and the former Director of Global Operations at GSHL.
- c. K.C.'s Chairman of the Executive Board, P.K. Mittal, is also on the board of directors of GSHL.
- d. GSHL is named next to Kremikovtzi on their website <http://www.kremikovtzi.com> and the web address lists the page as "Kremikovtzi (a GSHL Unit)."
- e. GSHL is a very large global corporation but has no other website of its own.
- f. GSHL is listed as the copyright name on the bottom of each page of Kremikovtzi's website.

48. In the alternative, Defendant GSHL is merely a shell-corporation through which K.C. conducts its business.

49. In the further alternative, Defendants GSHL and K.C. are partners and/or are joint venturers.

50. In the further alternative, Defendants GSHL and K.C. are affiliated companies such that Defendant GSHL is now, or will soon be, holding assets belonging to Defendant K.C. and vice versa.

IV. GSHL Bulgaria, GSHL and K.C.

51. Upon information and belief, GSHL Bulgaria is the alter ego of GSHL and K.C. because it dominates and disregards GSHL and K.C.'s corporate form to the extent that GSHL Bulgaria is actually carrying on GSHL and K.C.'s business and operations as if the same were its own.

52. Upon information and belief, Defendant GSHL Bulgaria is an alias, or agent of Defendants GSHL and K.C. and/or GSHL and K.C. are aliases, or agents of GSHL Bulgaria.

53. Upon information and belief, Defendants GSHL Bulgaria, GSHL and Kremikovtzi A.D. share common ownership and operation.

- a. Mr. Alok Gupka, the former CEO of Kremikovtzi A.D., is an agent authorized to act on behalf of GSHL Bulgaria. Upon information and belief, while he was CEO of Kremikovtzi, Mr. Gupka instructed Bank of New York to make a payment to GSHL Bulgaria's account in the amount of \$1,213,989.92 on November 21, 2005.
- b. Mr. Swapan Dev. Ghose a.k.a. Mr. Svapan Dev Gos is a manager of Kremikovtzi Trade and an employee, manager or agent authorized to act on behalf of GSHL Bulgaria, GSHL and Kremikovtzi A.D.
- c. GSHL Bulgaria, GSHL and Kremikovtzi A.D. share a common block of phone numbers.

- d. In the April 28, 2006 edition of the United Bulgarian Bank Weekly Bulletin, Kremikovtzi A.D. filed the following information with the bank: “Kremikovtzi A.D. is in on-going negotiations for termination by common consent of a steel products sale contract... between Kremikovtzi A.D. and GSHL Bulgaria.” The article goes on to state that GSHL Bulgaria owns 100% of the shares of Finmetals Holding and over 25% of the shares of Kremikovtzi A.D.
- e. Upon information and belief, GSHL is the 100% shareholder of Kremikovtzi A.D.
- f. GSHL and GSHL Bulgaria share a common name and logo.
- g. Thus, upon information and belief, GSHL Bulgaria has no separate independent identity from GSHL and vice versa.

54. Upon information and belief, GSHL Bulgaria and GSHL use their names interchangeably.

- a. On the Kremikovtzi webpage in an article available on 9/25/2007, it is stated that GSHL has strengthened Kremikovtzi's management board by adopting several new members bringing the total number of board members to eight. At the bottom of the page, it states that for clarifications, Mr. Swapan Dev Ghose of GSHL Bulgaria should be contacted. Mr. Ghose's contact details are listed as follows: tel: +359 2 9156 204, email: s.ghose@gshl.uk.com
- b. GSHL Bulgaria is listed in Kremikovtzi A.D.'s Independent Auditor's Report and Consolidated Financial Statements dated December 31, 2006

as the “Subsidiary of the ultimate holding company of the Group” on pages 34 and 35. This is the exact same position that GSHL holds as Ispat Industries Limited owns GSHL and GSHL owns Kremikovtzi A.D.

- c. The Sofia Echo published an article stating that GSHL bought out Finmetals to obtain a majority share of Kremikovtzi as Finmetals was formerly the 71% shareholder of Kremikovtzi A.D. *See Forbes’ Top Ranker Buys Kremikovtzi, The Sofia Echo, March 27, 2005*, available online at: <http://www.sofiaecho.com>
- d. However, a May 8, 2006 Sofia Echo article, GSHL Bulgaria, not GSHL, is referred to as Kremikovtzi’s new owner.
- e. The “June 30 Report” on Kremikovtzi A.D. refers to GSHL Bulgaria S.A. as GSHL and uses the names of these entities interchangeably on page 20.

55. Upon information and belief, GSHL, GSHL Bulgaria and Kremikovtzi A.D. share a block of phone numbers. Specifically, these entities are known to have the following numbers:

- a. Kremikovtzi A.D. +359 2 9156 200, +359 2 9156 225
- b. GSHL Bulgaria S.A.: +359 2 9156 204, +359 2 9156 208, +359 2 9156 221
- c. GSHL: +359 2 9156 204

56. In the alternative, Defendant GSHL Bulgaria is merely a shell-corporation through which GSHL conducts its business.

57. In the further alternative, Defendants GSHL Bulgaria and GSHL are partners and/or are joint venturers.

58. In the further alternative, Defendants GSHL Bulgaria and GSHL are affiliated companies such that Defendant GSHL Bulgaria is now, or will soon be, holding assets belonging to Defendant GSHL and vice versa.

V. SSF, Finmetals and K.T.

59. Upon information and belief, SSF is the alter ego of Finmetals and K.T. because it dominates and disregards SSF's corporate form to the extent that Finmetals and K.T. are actually carrying on SSF's business and operations as if the same were its own.

60. Upon information and belief, Defendant SSF is an alias, or agent of Defendants Finmetals and K.T. and/or Finmetals and K.T. are aliases, or agents of SSF.

61. Upon information and belief, Defendants SSF and Finmetals share common ownership and operation such that SSF is 100% owned by Finmetals, who is, upon information and belief, 100% owned by GSHL.

62. Further, upon information and belief, Finmetals and SSF have common directors, officers and employees, including Mr. Valentin Kirilov Zahariev, Chairman of the Executive Board of SSF. Mr. Zahariev is also named online as the person behind the 2005 sale of Finmetals to GSHL.

63. Upon information and belief, SSF, Finmetals and K.C. share an office at 19B, Tzar Boris III blvd., Sofia, and SSF and K.T. share the same fax number of +359 2/051 6793.

64. In the alternative, Defendant SSF is the paying agent of Defendants K.T. and/or Finmetals.

65. In the alternative, Defendant SSF is merely a shell-corporation through which K.T. conducts its business.

66. In the further alternative, Defendants SSF and K.T. are partners and/or are joint venturers.

67. In the further alternative, Defendants SSF and K.T. are affiliated companies such that Defendant SSF is now, or will soon be, holding assets belonging to Defendant K.T. and vice versa.

VI. Stemcor, GMN and K.C.

68. Upon information and belief, GMN is the alter ego of Stemcor and K.C. because they dominate and disregard GMN's corporate form to the extent that Stemcor and K.C. are actually carrying on GMN's business and operations as if the same were their own.

69. The Plaintiff's charter of the MV ZETLAND to GMN was guaranteed by K.C. *See Guarantee Letter dated August 21, 2007 annexed hereto as Exhibit "1."*

70. Furthermore, upon information and belief, GMN is 100% owned by K.C. *See email from Bulfracht Shipbrokers dated August 14, 2007 12:25pm annexed hereto as Exhibit "2" stating in pertinent part that "gmN – as a company Regis in sofia – 100pct owned by kremi."*

71. Upon information and belief and based upon the fixture recap and underlying charter party, Stemcor had no formal relationship to the charter of this Vessel.

72. Upon further information and belief and based upon the information contained in the bills of lading, Stemcor had no connection to the load or discharge ports, and was not the shipper or consignee of the cargo in the Bills of Lading.

73. Upon information and belief, Stemcor dominated and controlled GMN's interest in the fixture of the MV Zetland as the fixture was subject to Stemcor's confirmation and approval. *See August 14, 2007 8:12pm email from Bulfracht Shipbrokers annexed hereto as Exhibit "3" stating "stem/shippers/rcvrs approval within 15th aug 18:00 hrs Sofia time."*

74. Furthermore, and upon information and belief, Stemcor required, because of its control over the charter, that its agent, "G&M-5 Ltd.", act as agents and brokers for GMN in this charter. *See August 14, 2007 12:25pm email from Bulfracht Shipowners annexed hereto as Exhibit "2"* stating in pertinent part that "i already hv stem cfm fm CVRD for dates and size of 120k, financing will be done by stemcore uk – ths why need gm5 as agents at bourgas."

75. Moreover, upon information and belief, Stemcor UK was responsible for the financing of this fixture between Transquay and GMN. *See August 14, 2007 12:25pm email from Bulfracht Shipowners annexed hereto as Exhibit "2"* stating in pertinent part that "i already hv stem cfm fm CVRD for dates and size of 120k, financing will be done by stemcore uk – ths why need gm5 as agents at bourgas." It is of interest that Stemcor UK, not Stemcor's financing arm, Stemcor Trade Finance Limited, was responsible for the financing of the fixture of the MV Zetland.

76. Further, upon information and belief, Stemcor and K.C. have a common director or officer, Mr. Ralph Oppenheimer, who is the beneficial owner of Stemcor and is also on the K.C. supervisory board.

77. Furthermore, and despite the fact that Stemcor had no known connection to the fixture of this Vessel, Stemcor made a US\$7,500,000.00 freight payment on behalf of GMN to non-party Zodiac Maritime Agencies, Transquay's agent. *See freight payment for the MV Zetland dated January 17, 2008 annexed hereto as Exhibit "4."* The only payment Plaintiff or its agent received under this charter was from Stemcor.

78. It is not common practice in the maritime industry for an independent company to pay another company's debt, where it has no formal relationship to the underlying charter party contract.

79. In an attempt to explain the freight payment annexed hereto as Exhibit "4," Stemcor's counsel, while copying Stemcor's in-house counsel states in an email dated January 31, 2008 that the payment was to settle "a debt it owed to Kremikovtzi by making a payment to a company called Zodiac Maritime Agencies at Kremikovtzi's instructions." *See Email dated January 31, 2008 annexed hereto as Exhibit "5"*.

80. However, pursuant to the charter, this payment was a debt of GMN's not K.C., as GMN was the charterer of the Vessel in this fixture and was referenced on the payment.

81. As such, upon information and belief, Defendant Stemcor acts as paying agent, or receiving agent, or arranges for other non-parties to satisfy the debts and obligations of Defendant GMN, and/or receive payments being made to Defendant GMN.

82. In addition or in the alternative, Defendant GMN uses Defendant Stemcor as a "pass through" entity such that it can insulate itself from creditors relating to its commercial obligations.

83. Upon information and belief, Defendant GMN is a shell-corporation through which Defendants Stemcor and K.C. conduct their business.

84. Upon information and belief, Defendant GMN has no separate, independent identity from Defendants Stemcor and K.C.

85. In the further alternative, Defendants Stemcor, K.C. and GMN are partners and/or are joint venturers.

86. In the further alternative, Defendants Stemcor, K.C. and GMN are affiliated companies such that Defendant Stemcor and K.C. are now, or will soon be, holding assets belonging to Defendant GMN and vice versa.

87. The Defendants cannot be found within this District within the meaning of Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, but, upon information and belief, Defendants have, or will have during the pendency of this action, assets within this District and subject to the jurisdiction of this Court, held in the hands of garnishees within the District which are believed to be due and owing to the Defendants.

88. The Plaintiff seeks an order from this court directing the Clerk of Court to issue Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment pursuant to Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, attaching, *inter alia*, any property of the Defendants held by any garnishees within the District for the purpose of obtaining personal jurisdiction over the Defendants, and to secure the Plaintiff's claim as described above.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays:

A. That process in due form of law issue against the Defendants, citing it to appear and answer under oath all and singular the matters alleged in the Verified Second Amended Complaint, failing which default judgment be entered against it in the sum of **\$965,188.63**.

B. That since the Defendants cannot be found within this District pursuant to Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, this Court issue an Order directing the Clerk of Court to issue Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment pursuant to Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, attaching all goods, chattels, credits, letters of credit, bills of lading, effects, debts and monies, tangible or intangible, or any other funds up to the amount of **\$965,188.63** belonging to, due or being transferred to, from, or for the benefit of the Defendants, including but not limited to such property as may be held, received or transferred in Defendants' name(s) or as may be held,

received or transferred for its benefit at, moving through, or within the possession, custody or control of banking/financial institutions and/or other institutions or such other garnishees to be named, and that all persons claiming any interest in the same be cited to appear and pursuant to Supplemental Admiralty Rule B answer the matters alleged in the Verified Second Amended Complaint;

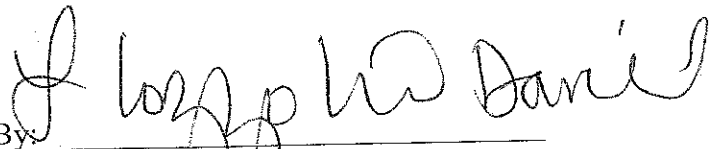
C. That pursuant to N.Y. CPLR Article 53, *et seq.* this Court recognize and confirm any final judgment from the English Court in Plaintiff's favor against the Defendants as a judgment of this Court;

D. That this Court award Plaintiff the attorneys' fees and costs incurred in this action; and

E. That the Plaintiff have such other, further and different relief as the Court deems just, proper and equitable.

Dated: February 1, 2008
New York, NY

The Plaintiff,
TRANSQUAY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP,

By: 

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EXHIBIT 1

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Р. № 4004.585/22.03.2002г.

KREMIKOVITZI AD
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GUARANTEE LETTER

By the parent Company "KREMIKOVITZI AD" of Sofia

21 August, 2007


To: ZODIAC MARITIME AGENCIES LIMITED
on behalf of 'Transquay Limited Partnership'

Dear Sirs,

SUBJECT: MV Zetland cp dated 16 August, 2007
Global Maritime Navigation Ltd., Sofia

We, KREMIKOVITZI AD hereby, guarantee the full and complete performance, execution and fulfilment of charterers obligations under the said charter party 'ZETLAND' dated 16 August, 2007 and the payments of all amounts due to you thereunder.

Authorised signatory with the authority of KREMIKOVITZI AD:



Alexander Tomov
Senior Executive Director



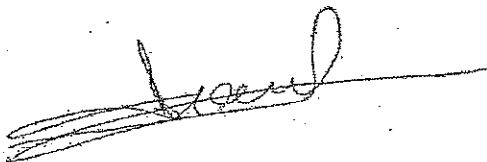


EXHIBIT 2

Damian Bojkov

From: Bulfracht Shipbrokers Ltd., Sofia [shipbrokers@bulfracht.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2007 12:25 PM
To: bojkov (bojkov)
Subject: brasil/bourgas iron ore

FROM : BULFRACHT SHIPBROKERS LTD, SOFIA, ph+35929549815, www.bulfracht.com

skype G.TRENEV ,mobile:+359888632750

GDY

Db/gt

tk's ows offer wch chrs decline and bid firm for rply 1hrs as flws:

all terms, conditions and negos n eventual fix to remain strictly P N C
flwng bid is made in accordance with english law

ows -pls adv full style for record

ows to advise chrs required information on fixng m/t

- p and i club:
- vsl's class:
- vsl's present position/schedule/eta bss guaiba island:
- last port of discharge:
- imo register number:
- last 3 cargoes:
- type of hatch covers:
- hold/hatch dims:
- hold dimension
- since when the vessel is under present ownership:
- bank acct where frt to be remitted including beneficiary name:

ows cfm:

- ows/master cfm no liens/arrest orders/encumbrances/
recommendations are pending
- vsl is in possession of all certificates valid for intended ports of
call and for the duration of this cp
- ows to provide foll certificates upon lifting subs:

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- p&i club entry certificate
- h&m certificate

- FOR A/C OF GLOBAL MARITIME NAVIGATION LTD, SOFIA
-
- cgo qty - 120,000mts 10pct moloo bulk iron ore
chopt
130,000mts 10pct moloo bulk iron ore
- loadport - 1sb guaiba island
- dischport - 1sa+1sb bourgas where chrs gtee min 36' bw available
at berth
- lighterage at bourgas roads down to 36' bw dft for chrs' a/c /time /risk
- ows to adv qty necessary to be lightened at bourgas to reach 36'bw at berth
- owr to satisfy themselves for restrictions at loadport
- laycan 03-10 sept
- loadrate - scale load (65hrs shinc for first 60,000mt + 1 hour
extra for each 6,000mt loaded)
- dischrte - 10,000mts at lighterage / 12,000mts at berth pwwd of 24 cons hrs
shinc
- frt usd 52.00pmts flost bss 1/1 - 120,000mts 10pct moloo
usd 51.00pmts flost bss 1/1 - 130,000mts 10pct moloo
- frt paymnt - 100pct payable w/i 7 b/d aft s/r bs/l marked 'frt payable as per c/p'
but in any case 'bbb'. chrs addrs comm is to be paid to with frt n
same to be returned to chrs after ows hv rcvd 100pct of the frt.
- frt deemed earned on shipment and is discountless vaoclonl
- dem usd 80,000pdpr / dhdwtsbe
- agreed balance demurrage/despatch for load/dischports is payable w/i 20days

- of completion discharge and recvng ows final frt statmnt together with all
supportng dox
- 12 hrs tt usc bends
- in case original bs/l not available upon vsls arrival in bourgas, chrs agree to
disch vsl against
L.O.I - ows p n i club wording signed by chrs / recvrs only.
- chabe:
at Guaiba Island - brazshipping
at bourgas - gm&5
- if vsl over 18yrs of age cvrd inspection and dpc certificate at owrs' risk
- brazilian p.u.t. and mmrt taxes to be for shippers acct.
- o/w mv maple valley c/p with 2.5pct adr comm ttl here
- sub chrs recfm w/i 24hrs aft fix clean
- end bid-
- tell damian tht:
- gmn - as a company regis in sofia - 100pct owned by kremi

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- in next counter if ows insist will cfm kremi to gtee
- i already hv stem cfm fm CVRD for dates and size of 120k, financing will be done by stemcore uk - ths why need gm5
- as agents at bourgas
- in any case can not do less than 24 hrs aft fix m/t

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Brgds

George Trenav

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Damian Bojkov

From: Bulfracht Shipbrokers Ltd., Sofia [shipbrokers@bulfracht.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2007 8:12 PM
To: bojkov (bojkov)
Subject: FW: zetland **MSG#:<2315100>

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FROM : BULFRACHT SHIPBROKERS LTD, SOFIA, ph+35929549815, www.bulfracht.com
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 GDY
 DB/GT

DRAFT RECAP MV 'ZETLAND'/GLOBAL MARINE NAVIGATION LTD, SOFIA

 Acct Global Maritime Navigation Ltd, Sofia
 firm for reply within 14.00 hrs ldn tdy

stem/shippers/rcvrs approval within 15th aug 18:00 hrs Sofia time sub chrts
 reconfirmation decl latest 14:00 sofia time

Acct global maritime - pls`advise chrts full style/ address by return.
 subject to owners approval of chrts

messrs Kremikovtzi guarantee the performance and due fulfilment of charter party

M/V ZETLAND

Type: BULKCARRIER
 Built: 1985
 Flag: BERMUDA
 145905.00 MTDWT on 17.48 M SSW
 104.200 MT per CM Immersion
 LOA 267.32 M / Beam 42.97 M
 9 holds, 9 hatches
 Dimensions:

	Cubic Grain (M3)	Hatch Cover (M)
Hold 1 -	15192.90	12.80-20.00
Hold 2 -	19524.50	13.60-20.00
Hold 3 -	18070.90	13.60-20.00
Hold 4 -	19220.70	13.60-20.00
Hold 5 -	18099.20	13.60-20.00
Hold 6 -	19220.70	13.60-20.00
Hold 7 -	18317.00	13.60-20.00
Hold 8 -	19510.80	13.60-20.00
Hold 9 -	16802.90	13.60-20.00
Total -	163959.60	

DISTANCES FROM WATER LINE TO TOP OF HATCH COAMINGS BASIS BOURGAS ROADS :

WOG AND WITHOUT GUARANTEE - TO BE RECONFIRMED BY MASTER

BASIS 143000 MTNS OF CARGO - 9.45 MTRS

132000

10.5 MTRS

103000

13.3 MTRS

92000

14.4 MTRS

AS PER OWNERS CALCULATIONS AND AGAIN WOG VSL WILL HV TO DISCHARGE ABT 66000 MTNS OF CARGO FROM THE MAX - 143000 MTNS TO REACH THE DRAFT AT BOURGAS OF 36 ' BW.

+ + + all details about + + +

Owners Transquay Limited Partnership c/o Zodiac Maritime Agencies ltd London

- p and i club: the london steamship.
- vsls class: Lloyds
- vsl's present position/schedule/eta bss guaiba island:
- last port of discharge: sailed Baoshan 29 July 2007
- imo register number: 8412649
- last 3 cargoes: last sepetiba/ majishan and baoshan - iron ore, prev itaguai/ dunkirk - iron ore, prev richards bay/ taranto - coal.
- type of hatch covers: steel side rolling.
- hold/hatch dims: as above
- hold dimension as above
- since when the vessel is under present ownership: 2002
- bank acct where frt to be remitted;
- vsls certificates as per attachment

Banking Details

Payable in USD to....

Chase New York
Swift Code: CHASUS33
For Account of: Nordea Bank, London
8th Floor, City Place House,
55 Basinghall Street,
London EC2V 5NB
Swift Code: NDEAGB2L
Account No: 400807041
Attention: PAYMENT PROCESSING

For the account of: Zodiac Maritime Agencies Limited Pool Account US Dollar Account
No: 54111122

ows cfm:

- ows/master cfm no liens/arrest orders/encumbrances/ recommendations are pending - yes
- vsi is in possession of all certificates valid for intended ports of call and for the duration of this cp - yes
- ows to provide foll certificates upon lifting subs:
- p&i club entry certificate - reverting
- h&m certificate - reverting

- 120,000 mt 10 pct moloo or chopt 130,000 mt 10 pct moloo. cargo size to be declared on lifting subjects.

- iron ore in bulk 1- 2 grades in chop , always within natural hold segregation , excl dri, drip concentrates.

- all cargo to be loaded stowed carried and discharged in accordance with imo recommendations.

- cargo to be loaded in all holds

- load 1 safe berth guaiba island aa

- discharge bourgas os anchorage/ lighterage area and osb aa

- laycan 3 - 10 00 september 00.01-24.00 hrs, vsi bunkered singapore 6th August, eta guaiba 4th sept pm

- load 65 hrs for 1st 60,000 mt plus one hour for each additional 6,000 mtons shinc

- discharge rate 10,000 mtons shinc pd at lighterage , 12,000 mts shinc pd at berth

- 12/12 hrs tt usc bends

- nor at bends may be tendered wipon, wibon, wipfon, wiccon

- all time from expiry of turn time or commencement of lighterage whichever

occurs first, at lighterage position until completion of discharge at berth

to count as laytime or time on demurrage wp or not

- at load and discharge time used for shifting from anchorage or lighterage place to loading or discharging berth not to count as laytime.

- After lighterage, vessels draft at Bourgas to be consistent with safe navigation and not exceeding that permitted by port regulations.

- vessel to be lightered down to a draft at anchorage that will give a

minimum underkeel clearance of 10 pct of vessels draft

- freight if 120,000 mt 10 pct - usd 54.75pmt fiost

- freight if 130,000 mt 10 pct - usd 52.75 pmt fiost

- demurrage usd 90,000 hdsbe

- 100 pct frt inc add comm to be paid 7 banking days after signing releasing bs/l or prior passing cape passero, whichever the ealier. Vessel will not pass cape passero until freight received in owners account and all time lost due to non payment or late payment of freight is to count in full as time on demurrage and to be remitted prior to vessel proceeding further on the voyage.

- chrts address comm. To be returned to chrts nominated bank after receipt of 100 pct of frt

- settlement of load port demurrage /dispatch to be effected within 7 running days of presentation of relevant documents but latest before passing cape passero inbound.
- settlement of discharge port demurrage/dispatch within 15 days of completion of discharge.
- owners to have a lien on cargo for any money owed.
- any ap due vs1 age, class or flag not for owners acct
- d/a at bourgas is 100 pct for owners account
- at Bourgas chrts guarantee that the vessel can safely; arrive, be lightered, berth, discharge and sail.
- freight deemed earned on shipment discountless nonreturnable vs1 a/o cargo lost or not lost
- in case original bs/l is not available for presentation to vessel upon arrival at discharge port, then owners to discharge against LOI in owners pandi club wording signed by chrts and countersigned by kremikovtzi as receivers.
- cvrd inspection and dpc at loadport to be owners responsibility
- brazilian PUT and mmt taxes to be for shippers account.
- pls provide details of chrts agents in Bourgas - gm&5
- 5 pct total comm (2.5 pct address, 1.25 pct bulchem, 1.25 pct bulfracht)
- subject owners approval of chrts.
- subject all further cp details based maple valley. assume headowners are first class european owners if so pls provide copy.
- messrs kremikovtzi to fax a letter of guarantee on their headed notepaper directly to owners managers (zodiac), and to present original to owners representative office in Bourgas as per following wording:

LETTER OF GUARANTEE

Guarantee Letter by the parent company '.....' (of where?)* ie kremikovtzi of Sofia on their letter headed paper to read as follows

Date

To ZODIAC MARITIME AGENCIES LIMITED
on behalf of 'Transquay Limited Partnership'

Dear Sirs,

SUBJECT: MV Zetland cp dated 2007
Name of Account Vessel vessel is being chartered by and place

We, (name of Parent Company as above**), hereby, guarantee the full and complete performance, execution and fulfilment of charterers obligations under the said charter party 'name of vessel and charter party date' and the payments of all amounts due to you thereunder.

Signed

by an authorised signatory with the authority of (name of Parent Company as above**) of ?'

Name of person signing
Title

End

Vij pregledai go I ako niama razlichia da go prashtame

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STEMCOR OR LIMITED
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ZODIAC MARITIME AGENCIES
LYNTOH HOUSE
7-12 TAVISTOCK SQUARE
NCR 9TP LONDON//GB

NEW YORK, NY

Remittance Information
VESSEL: ZEPHYRUS
REF: GLOBAL MARITIME

Details of Charges
OUR

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EXHIBIT 5

Stemcor; TLO ref 1790

Lauren C. Davies

From: William R. Bennett [wbennett@bgmplaw.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2008 12:02 PM
To: Lauren C. Davies; Thomas Tisdale
Cc: Andrew Goldsmith
Subject: RE: Stemcor; TLO ref 1790

Tom/Lauren:

I refer to your email below.

First off, Mr. Andrew Goldsmith is in-house counsel with Stemcor UK and you are free to copy him in your emails if you wish.

Second, I advised you in writing that I am counsel for Stemcor UK, a formal appearance should, therefore, not be required for you to provide me with the information I requested. I do not know the two other firms you wrote about, but I think our professional relationship fostered over the last 15 years is stronger than most so I ask you to re-consider your position.

Lastly, as discussed with Lauren, Stemcor settled a debt that it owed to Kremikovtzi by making a payment to a company called Zodiac on Kremikovtzi's instructions. The allegations in the Amended Verified Complaint are based on erroneous assumptions and incorrect. We ask that you seriously consider advising the banks to release any funds they attached belonging to Stemcor.

Very truly yours,

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Bulgarian firm Finmetals fined over Kremikovtzi investment

February 20, 2008: 01:36 PM EST

SOFIA, Feb. 20, 2008 (Thomson Financial delivered by Newstex) — The owners of Bulgarian steel-maker Kremikovtzi have been fined 239.3 mln leva, or about 122.5 mln eur, for failing to meet their investment pledges in the company, officials said.

A Bulgarian court ruled in favour of the government agency overseeing the post-privatisation process of Kremikovtzi, after it complained that Kremikovtzi's owners, Finmetals, failed to meet their investment commitments, Economy and Energy Minister Petar Dimitrov told a news conference.

Finmetals, which is owned by Indian group Global Steel Holdings, acquired a 71-pct stake in the then state-owned Kremikovtzi for the symbolic price of one dollar in 1999, in return for substantial investments in the company.

Global Steel Holdings is owned by Pramod Mittal, the younger brother of steel tycoon Lakshmi Mittal.

Under the terms of the privatisation, the Bulgarian government held on to a 25-pct stake in Kremikovtzi, with the remaining four pct sold to private investors.

Neither Finmetals nor Global Steel have so far made good on their promise to invest 120-140 mln eur in environmental upgrades.

Kremikovtzi has outstanding debts of around 1.67 bln leva with the state railway, electricity and gas companies.

Global Steel chief Mittal asked the government this week to agree to a delay in Kremikovtzi's payments, but minister Dimitrov dismissed the request Wednesday.

Mittal has recently changed his plans for a quick sale of Kremikovtzi following talks with Ukrainian billionaire Konstantin Jevago and interest from another Ukrainian tycoon, Rinat Akhmetov, and US Steel giant United States Steel Corp. (NYSE:XSS) (NYSE:X)

Instead, he sought advice from a financial advisor about the best strategy for the loss-making plant.

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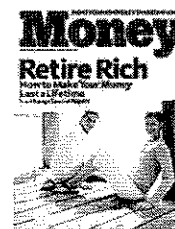
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TRADE UNIONS ACCUSE KREMIKOV TZI MANAGEMENT OF ASSET-STRIPPING WORTH 50M EURO
16:35 Fri 08 Feb 2008 - Elitsa Savova

Trade unions accuse Kremikovtzi management of asset-stripping worth 50M euro

Trade unions accused the managers of Kremikovtzi steel mill of stripping assets worth 50 million euro over the past several weeks, including land and equipment that is of key importance for the continued operation of the steelworks, investor.bg reported.

The steel mill's management sold around 150 hectares of land, but former Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Alexander Tomov had actually asked the economy ministry for permission to sell 500 hectares, Vassil Yanachkov from Confederation of Independent Trade Unions in Bulgaria (KNSB) and Lyudmil Pavlov from Podkrepa trade union told a news conference.

The two trade union chiefs blamed Tomov, who has since been replaced as CEO, but is still on the Kremikovtzi managing board, for stripping the assets, which include the settling tank, a key element of the mill's production cycle.

Kremikovtzi's majority shareholder, Indian businessman Pramod Mittal, had used the tank as collateral in the deal to buy CSKA Sofia football club, the trade unions claimed.

Since then, the collateral has passed into the hands of Konstantin Zhevago, the Ukrainian billionaire who held talks to buy the steel mill from Mittal last month, giving him an advantage in future negotiations, according to the trade union chiefs, quoted by investor.bg.

Although Tomov had promised that the funds would go to bolster Kremikovtzi's cash flow, they never made it into the steel mill's bank accounts, the trade unions said.

Yanachkov and Pavlov claimed that the assets sold out included Prokatna railway station, a warehouse for ready production, another warehouse for spare equipment and probably the equipment itself.

The two refused to name the companies that bought the assets, but said they were Bulgarian firms operating in the same line of business. Kremikovtzi assets were sold at price way under their market prices, according to the trade union officials, as quoted by investor.bg.

Although the trade unions did not take the matter to court in order to stop the sales from going through, they were happy with the Post-privatisation Control Agency's decision to impound Kremikovtzi shares.

On the issue of ownership, the two union officials said they did not care much about the identity of the owner, as long as the majority shareholder was willing to fund the development and modernisation programme that would bring the steel mill up to environmental standards, and keep it in operation by injecting funds to solve its cash flow problems.

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KREMIKOV TZI SEEKS STRATEGIC PARTNERS
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Bulgaria's largest steel mill Kremikovtzi said on February 19 2008 it was actively seeking strategic partners and hoped to reach an agreement within three months, investor.bg reported.

"Majority shareholder Pramod Mittal has already announced his decision to find strategic partners within three months, so that all parties interested in continued production are satisfied," the steelworks said in a letter to the Government, quoted by investor.bg.

Guntupalli Jagannadham, appointed chief executive earlier this month, has been tasked to ensure that the company continued operations as normal.

Kremikovtzi had its deliveries disrupted shortly last week, when state railways BDZ refused to service the steel mill because of overdue payments, but the two companies have since agreed a schedule of repayment.

"We understand that [power grid operator] NEC, BDZ and [gas company] Bulgargaz are commercial enterprises, with their own expenditures and problems. Their desire for Kremikovtzi to pay back old debts as soon as possible would get in the way of current commitments," the still mill said, as quoted by investor.bg.

Kremikovtzi paid suppliers a total 267 million leva last year, both in old and current servicing fees, but did not disclose how much it still owed.

Current debts to suppliers would be paid off within three months if the Cabinet ensured a normal operating environment, and payments on old debts would resume afterward, the steelworks said.

Despite its backlog of overdue payments, Kremikovtzi was still an attractive morsel for investors, not least due to the large amount of land it owns in the eastern suburbs of Sofia, which could cost hundreds of millions if real estate developers are allowed to buy it and build on it. Among the parties interested in such an outcome is also the Sofia city hall, which wants the steelworks shut down, arguing it was the single biggest polluter in the city, and the land redeveloped.

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